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Cal Water Partners with University of the Pacific to Replace 850 Toilets Around Campus

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Early estimates suggest water savings of 125 million gallons

STOCKTON, Calif. — California Water Service (Cal Water) has begun replacing 850 toilets around the University of the Pacific's campus with new, water-efficient commodes as part of the University's initiative to be more environmentally friendly. The new toilets will require 1.28 gallons per flush (gpf), whereas the older toilets used up to six gpf, saving an estimated 125 million gallons over the fixtures' lifetime.

This toilet replacement project is being performed through Cal Water's conservation and rebate program, which is offered to its commercial, industrial, and residential customers. It is one of the largest replacement projects to date for the utility, according to Ken Jenkins, Cal Water's Director of Drought Management and Conservation.

Contractor Southwest Environmental will be completing the installations and using American Standard, Niagra, ProFlo, and Sloan models, all of which are EPA WaterSense-approved. The replacements are expected to be completed by the end of August.

"By utilizing this program and partnering with us, the University will make a meaningful reduction in its water use and be a model in water-use efficiency for other institutions," Jenkins said. "Building lasting, efficient water-use habits and using resources available to our customers are important as we look ahead to the State's long-term conservation regulations."

Businesses and residents in Cal Water's service area can visit calwater.com/conservation to find rebates and programs currently available to support their efforts to use water wisely.

Cal Water serves about 172,700 people through 44,200 service connections in Stockton and about 2 million people through 486,900 service connections in California. The utility has provided water service in the area since 1927. Additional information may be obtained online at www.calwater.com.